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MILNERITE NEWSLETTER

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MISS DOOLEY RETURNS TO MILNER

Miss Helen Dooley has returned to the ISIU library faculty following a year's absence. During her leave, Miss Dooley spent most of her time traveling. Highlighting her travels was a tour of Europe last summer.

Miss Dooley, accompanied by Miss Lorraine Kraft, a Bloomington high school teacher, visited many places of renown in England, France, Italy, Switzerland, and Belgium. "The blueness of the Mediterranean and the beautiful flowers along the Riviera especially impressed me," said the librarian.

While in France, Miss Dooley visited the Bibliotheque Nationale Paris. This library serves the same purpose in France as the Library of Congress does in the United States.

Miss Dooley first came to ISIU in 1947; her principal duty then was the administration of the film library. She also worked at the circulation desk and taught some classes. The year previous to her leave, she was University High librarian.

This year Miss Dooley's principal task is the care of the Publishers' Exhibit Room. She succeeds Miss Edna Kelly who retired last year.

MISS ZIMMERMAN AT ZURICH UNIVERSITY

Miss Ruth Zimmerman, librarian at the Thomas Metcalf school, is spending her year away from the campus studying at the University of Zurich in Switzerland. She is studying such things as cultural relationships and folk literature. No library courses are offered there for study.

Before beginning her studies, she attended an international library meeting in Denmark and visited children's libraries there. She has given a talk about our ISIU libraries.

Miss Zimmerman is living with a Swiss family in Zurich.

WHO'S WHO AID WHERE

So often when library students are graduated, we on campus and those afar lose contact with them. Hence, the Milnerites did some research in locating some of last year's graduates. Maybe you, too, would like to hear where the alumni of the Milnerites have gone.

Mary Lou Maguf, 1323 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Illinois, is employed in an elementary school library in Evanston. Mary Lou attended the Milnerite homecoming dinner this year.

Marjorie Hinrichs has full charge of the high school library at Newton, Ill. Her address is 709 Washington Street. Marjorie also attended the homecoming dinner.

Anita Moon, 115 1/2 North 7th St., Auburn, Ill., is teaching history and devotes some time to the library.

Darlene Corbin is located at Mansfield, Ill. She gives some of her time to the library, but her main position is teaching commerce. The Milnerites were glad to see Darlene at the homecoming dinner.

Rose Lundberg is teaching English and has charge of the library at Staunton, Ill. She lives at 407 W. North Street.

Mildred Wright is attending the University of Illinois. Her home address is 4957 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. Mildred traveled from Champaign to attend the homecoming dinner.

Mary Ellen Barton Ellis, 209 W. Ash, Normal, is busy keeping house and taking care of her son, Jeffrey Richard, who was born August 29, 1952.

MISS EUNICE SPEER AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Miss Eunice Speer, library instructor at ISIU and former Milnerite sponsor, is on leave of absence from the campus this year. She is studying for her Ph.D. in library science at the University.

WITH THE MILNERITES

The first Monday in every month at four o'clock will find members of the Milnerites making posters, listening to speakers, reading shelves, or having panel discussions. Also, we might add, food goes with the meetings.

At their first meeting, the hour was devoted to plans for the year and concluded with games.

Miss Loretta Kreuz, the sponsor, entertained the group at her apartment in October where Miss Margaret Lawrence, Milner librarian, spoke to the members about government documents.

Several alumni, campus Milnerites, and librarians gathered at the I.L.A. on October 18 for the Milnerite homecoming dinner. The group enjoyed hearing Miss Eunice Speer, the former club sponsor, talk about her studies at the University of Illinois.

The November meeting saw the Milnerites busily making posters in the library classroom. The members decided to pool their efforts toward making bulletin board displays for Milner library lobby.

Touring Milner library stacks was the program agenda in December. Miss Kreuz brought various sections of the stacks to the members' attention and pointed out rare books.

MISS ILA KARR LIBRARIAN AT METCALF

One of the new faces on the library staff this year is Miss Ila Karr, who is acting as Metcalf elementary librarian.

Miss Karr stated that she was very happy to be back in her home town of Bloomington as well as at her alma mater, ISNU, from which she received her B. S. in Education in 1940. She worked on her master's degree during summer sessions at the University of Denver. She received her master's degree in library science from Denver in 1950.

Miss Karr has worked at the library at James Millikin University and in Northern Illinois State Teachers College at DeKalb. She has also also worked in the Bloomington elementary and junior high libraries.

HERE AND THERE

A letter from Mrs. Nicholas Szabo (former Charlotte Broderick) informs us of a newcomer in her family, a baby boy.

Also, another letter from Mrs. Richard Deaner of Chicago (former Marjorie Goetz) is the mother of a baby boy.

Laura Mae Smith is now employed in the cataloging department at the University of Illinois.

Marguerite Zimmerman is now librarian at Springfield High School and is on the nominating committee of the I.L.A.

Dr. Irvin Kerlan, dermatologist from Washington, D. C., visited our campus last fall to examine the new Johnson Room. Dr. Kerlan has given a large collection of juvenile literature to the University of Minnesota.

Edith Stortz, Milnerite member, was graduated from ISNU in January. Edith has secured a position as librarian and commerce teacher in Longpoint, Illinois.

MISS WELCH BECOMES PRESIDENT OF I. L. A.

Last fall Miss Eleanor Welch, director of libraries at ISNU, became the new president of the Illinois Library Association. Miss Welch will hold this office for a year.

NEW JOHNSON ROOM OPENED IN MILNER

Milner Library recently opened a new room for one of the most valuable collections of children's books consisting of 567 volumes. The library is indebted to Mr. William Johnson, the well known Illinois bookman and collector. On October 31, 1949, Mr. Johnson lost his country home by fire, but managed to salvage a few things including these children's books.

The collection is in a room directly north of the entrance to Milner. Many of the books are first editions; a number are typical of nineteenth century writing and illustrations for children. The value of the collection lies in its being representative of the best in children's books during the first half of the twentieth century.